

### 32.3.221 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK

(1) All sexually intact alternative livestock six months of age and older imported into Montana must be either test-negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to importation or originate from a brucellosis certified free herd.

(a) The brucellosis test must be a type approved by the state veterinarian.

(2) Noncervid alternative livestock require a negative tuberculosis test on all animals two months of age and older within 60 days prior to importation.

(3) All cervids two months of age and older require one of the following:

(a) one negative approved tuberculosis test on all sexually intact animals within 90 days prior to importation and part of a whole herd test within the last 12 months; or

(b) one negative approved tuberculosis test on all sexually intact animals within 90 days prior to importation and must originate directly from an accredited tuberculosis free herd.

(4) Animals less than two months of age must be quarantined for testing between two and four months of age.

(5) Tuberculosis tests must be a type approved by the state veterinarian.

(6) All test results, including herd accreditation numbers and dates of herd tests if applicable, shall be recorded on or attached to all copies of the animal's health certificate. (History: 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-707, MCA; IMP, 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-703, 81-2-707, MCA; NEW, 1982 MAR p. 605, Eff. 3/26/82; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 2300, Eff. 8/23/96; AMD, 2012 MAR p. 1262, Eff. 6/22/12; AMD, 2014 MAR p. 2955, Eff. 12/12/14; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 445, Eff. 5/21/16.)

### 32.3.2006 INTRASTATE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE: IDENTIFICATION

(1) This rule is to assist in the control and eradication of bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis, and other infectious, contagious, communicable diseases of cattle; and to assist in maintaining Montana as accredited-free tuberculosis state and certified brucellosis-free state.

(2) In this rule

(a) "Backtag" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services approved backtag adopted by the Montana Department of Livestock as an official animal identification tag.

(b) "Eartag" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services approved eartag adopted by the Montana Department of Livestock as an official animal identification tag.

(3) Cattle eighteen months of age or over, except steers and spayed heifers, which are moved for slaughter or for sale in public market channels must be individually identified by a backtag affixed a few inches from the backline and just behind the shoulder of the animal, or by an eartag.

(4) Cattle eighteen months of age or over, except steers and spayed heifers, may be moved from a farm, ranch, or feedlot to a slaughtering establishment operating under official meat inspection, or to a licensed livestock market, or to a public stockyard, or to a shipping point, provided such cattle are identified upon arrival thereat by backtag or eartag, as prescribed in (3), or by brand or lot if shipment is direct to slaughtering establishment from ranch or feedlot.

(5) Backtags or eartags applied, as required by (3) and (4) of this rule, must be recorded on departmentally prescribed forms, along with the date tags are applied; brand and location of brand; and herd owner's name, address, and county. The completed form must be sent to the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Helena, Montana 59601, by not later than Saturday of the week in which the backtags or eartags were applied. (History: 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-104; IMP, 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-104, MCA; Eff. 12/31/72; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 445, Eff. 5/21/16.)

32.4.402 ELK-RED DEER HYBRIDIZATION TESTS (1) All elk imported into Montana must be certified free from elk-red deer hybridization. No elk-red deer hybrid may be imported.

(2) An elk may be certified free from elk-red deer hybridization by one of the following methods:

(a) Provide an elk-red deer hybridization test result that shows no red deer markers and clearly identifies the animal; or

(b) Provide a North American Elk Breeder Association gold or silver level registration that clearly identifies the animal.

(3) The elk-red deer hybrid test procedures for all alternative livestock farm elk is as follows:

(a) Blood samples must be drawn and submitted by an alternative livestock veterinarian.

(b) The test must be conducted at a department approved laboratory and meet department standards. A copy of all test results must be provided to the department. The licensee shall provide a copy of any positive elk-red deer hybrid results to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

(c) Animal test results conducted prior to the adoption of these rules may be accepted if the identity of the animal can be documented to the department.

(d) The owner of any animal identified as an elk-red deer hybrid may submit a second confirmation sample to another approved laboratory within six months of receiving the results of the first hybrid test.

(4) If an elk-red deer hybrid is detected, the animal must be neutered, slaughtered or sold out of state in accordance with ARM 32.4.901. The identity of any animal identified as an elk-red deer hybrid and proof of neutering must be submitted to the department by the alternative livestock veterinarian. The state veterinarian shall determine what is acceptable as proof of neutering. (History 81-2-102, 81-2-707, 87-4-422, MCA; IMP, 81-2-102, 81-2-703, 81-2-707, 87-4-422, MCA; NEW, 1999 MAR p. 136, Eff. 1/15/99; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 2974, Eff. 12/24/10; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 445, Eff. 5/21/16.)

32.4.601 IMPORTATION OF ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK (1) Alternative livestock imported into Montana must meet all requirements of ARM Title 32, chapter 3, subchapter 2; Title 81, chapter 2, part 7, MCA; and any other orders issued by the department.

(2) All cervid species will be treated with an appropriate anthelmintic as determined by the state veterinarian at least 20 days prior to entry into Montana to reduce the potential of undesirable parasites.

(3) Animals must be consigned to an alternative livestock farm licensee. The alternative livestock farm licensee must have a valid license for the species being imported.

(4) Alternative livestock shall be accompanied by an official health certificate and a permit, which must be attached to the waybill or be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle or person in charge of the animals. When a single health certificate and/or permit is issued for animals being moved in more than one vehicle, the driver of each vehicle shall have in his/her possession a copy of the health certificate or permit.

(a) The official health certificate must meet all of the requirements of ARM 32.3.206 and the accredited veterinarian issuing the health certificate must certify that the following conditions are true:

(i) All elk in the shipment have been certified free from red deer gene markers as required by ARM 32.4.402. No elk-red deer hybrid may be imported. Certification must be provided to the department prior to the issuance of an import permit;

(ii) The accredited veterinarian issuing the health certificate shall assess the herd of origin and determine if the alternative livestock have been infected by or exposed to *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (Johnes disease). A statement summarizing his findings shall be included on the health certificate. No animal exposed to or infected with *M. paratuberculosis* may be imported;

(iii) For elk, the herd of origin must be certified as free of central nervous system (CNS) symptoms for the last five years; and

(iv) Animals must meet all other importation requirements made by the state veterinarian under ARM Title 32, chapter 3, subchapter 2;

(b) The importation permit must meet all of the requirements of ARM 32.3.207.

(5) For change of ownership, a valid bill of sale must accompany the shipment. A copy of the bill of sale must be provided to the department at the time the animal is tagged and marked.

(6) Prior to shipment, all alternative livestock with the exclusion of omnivores and carnivores must be marked with a USDA official eartag or its Canadian equivalent called an H of A tag.

(7) All alternative livestock must be quarantined upon arrival in Montana until all testing requirements have been met and the animal is tagged and marked.

(8) No person consigning, transporting, or receiving alternative livestock into Montana may authorize, order, or carry out diversion of such animals to a destination or consignee other than set forth on the health certificate or permit without first obtaining written authorization from the state veterinarian of Montana or his designee to make such a diversion.

(9) Importation of gametes shall meet all requirements outlined in ARM 32.4.403.

(10) Importation of alternative livestock semen must meet the applicable requirements of ARM 32.2.220. (History: 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-402, 81-2-707, 87-4-422, IMP, 81-2-102, 81-2-103, 81-2-402, 81-2-403, 81-2-703, 81-2-707, 81-3-102, 87-

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